

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, Apr. 24, 1919.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; absent none.

The minutes of April 17 and 22 were read, and were approved by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

Mrs. Alice H. Robbins was present and voiced a grievance to the Council in that she had been sued for the taxes of 1917 without previous notice that they were delinquent. After discussion it was agreed that in view of all the circumstances the city would assume payment of one-half of the court costs, in the event the officers of the court would not agree to remit them.

A petition signed by W. E. Dozier, J. W. Mahan and others was presented asking that the Council rescind its action in giving the name "Wooldridge Avenue" to the thoroughfare commonly known as "Dam Boulevard." Action on the petition was postponed.

The application of Alfred Berkman, 4301 Avenue D, for permit to install a gasoline pump and tank on his premises was presented, and the permit was granted, by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays, work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

A. T. Knies, manager of the Austin Gas Light Company, and George W. Walling, Jr., brought before the Council a claim for damages brought by Mr. Walling against the gas company on account of the death of eight shade trees by reason of escaping gas. Mr. Knies held that a gas pipe connection had been broken by the settling of a city water pipe on it, and that the city was therefore jointly responsible. The matter was referred to Councilman Bartholomew, head of the Water and Light Department.

A sworn statement of Frank S. Taylor in regard to his taxes was read to the Council, after which the following resolution was offered:

Whereas, it has been discovered, at this late date, that Frank S. Taylor's assessment of personal property for the year 1917, at \$1,000.00, was raised by the City Board of Equalization to \$3,000.00; and

Whereas, the City Council is convinced from the attached affidavit of the said Frank S. Taylor, which is made the basis of this resolution, that the assessment of \$1,000.00 was fair and just; and

Whereas, a city warrant for \$140.00 payable to the said Taylor remained uncollected by him (on account of delinquent taxes) for nearly two years, the interest thereon forming a sort of offset to the interest and penalties due on his taxes; and

Whereas, the taxes of the said Frank S. Taylor for 1917 have been paid, but his taxes for 1915 and 1916 remain unpaid to the amount of \$302.20, including interest, penalties and costs of court;

Therefore,

*Mrs. Alice H. Robbins
In Re 1917*

*Petition of W. E. Dozier, et al
In Re Wooldridge Ave*

*Application of Alfred Berkman
to install gasoline
pump*

*Geo. W. Walling, Jr.
vs. Gas Co.*

*Frank S. Taylor, Jr.
taxes on personal property*

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That as a matter of justice and equity, and for the purpose of getting the matters in question finally adjusted, a refund of \$42.00 be and the same is hereby allowed the said Taylor, this being the amount overpaid by him for the year 1917 by reason of the action of the Board of Equalization in raising his personal property assessment from \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER:

That the interest and penalties due by the said Taylor, to the amount of \$45.82, be and the same are hereby remitted.

RESOLVED FURTHER:

That the sum of \$87.82 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of this city and made payable to the said Frank S. Taylor, covering the two items next above referred to.

RESOLVED FINALLY:

That the Council hereby accepts the check for \$214.38 tendered by the said Taylor in payment of his 1915 and 1916 taxes, with the understanding that he will endorse to the City Assessor and Collector the warrant for \$87.82 appropriated in the preceding paragraph, the two amounts making the total of \$302.20 owing for the years 1915 and 1916.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

APPROVED, Apr. 24, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

*Oakwood Cemetery Association
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The resolutions follow:

Whereas, in the opinion of this Association, among the many useful and beautiful works for Austin conceived and carried out by Hon. A. P. Wooldridge, none has given more universal satisfaction than the improvement of Oakwood Cemetery;

Whereas, at the incoming of the commission form of government, when this Association had struggled against odds, until ready to give up the fight, Hon. A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor, and Commissioner E. C. Bartholomew at once held out a helping hand and, at our request, gave us William Alff as our sexton and, further, in 1909 the Mayor introduced a resolution giving to our Cemetery two per cent of the ad valorem taxes, thereby placing Oakwood on a safe, sure and self-respecting basis;

Whereas, at all times, this Association has received the most courteous and helpful counsel and assistance from Hon. A. P. Wooldridge and Commissioner E. C. Bartholomew and its requests, when reasonable, regarded, it is the sense of this body that to the timely assistance and consistent interest of these two gentlemen we owe the wonderful beauty of our Cemetery today; wherefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LADIES OF THE OAKWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:

That in recognition of the cordial and helpful relationship

existing between these gentlemen and themselves for ten years, they do now tender them their sincere thanks.

Further, they do hereby endorse the action of the City Council in recording a very definite expression of public gratitude for long service by giving to our fine avenue leading westward to the dam, the name of Wooldridge. "To be hereafter perpetually known and called 'Wooldridge Avenue'."

Signed:

Mrs. Mary H. Mitchell
Mrs. C. I. Thompson
Mrs. Edwin Bowen
Mrs. J. K. Donnan
Mrs. Sarah Robertson
Miss Lilly Robertson
Mrs. Nina P. Jordan

The Council then adjourned.

V. E. Martin

City Clerk